105. Rs. 3,600 under "12—1—Forests—B 7—1—Ordinary T.A."

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additiona lallotment of Rs. 3,600 under "12—1—Forests—B7—1—Ordinary T.A. ". The provision made in the budget for payment of travelling allowance is found to be inadequate for the following reasons.—

The Conservator's tour to New Delhi and Dehra Dun in connection with a discussion on supply of timber for war purposes. A clerk and a peon also accompanied him.

The necessity for the Conservator of Forests to go to Madras frequently to attend the Fuel Advisory Committee meetings.

The enhancement of Travelling Allowance rates subsequent to the submission of the budget.

The appointment of additional temporary staff such as Accountant Superintendent, Field Assistants, clerks, etc.

I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried

106. Rs. 400 under "12—2—Tramway—A1—a4—Travelling Allownace"

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I rise to move for an additional allotment for Rs. 400 under " 12—2—Tramway—A1—a4—Travelling Allowance ". The provision made in the budget for Travelling Allowance is insufficient to meet the actual demands. I request that this may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

107. Rs. 853 under " 12—2—Tramway—B1—b1—Gang Coolies "

113. Rs. 66 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—b3—Fuelling, Cleaning, etc."

115. Rs. 132 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—d1—Water Coolies"

116. Rs. 1,155 under "12—2—Tramway—B4—a4—Brake Coolies"

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* With the permission of the Chair, I would lik to re-group items 107, 113, 115 and 116 because they come under more or less the same category, being due to the enhancement of cooly wages.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 853 under " 12—2 - Tramway—B1—b1—Gang Coolies", Rs. 66 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—b3—Fuelling, Cleaning, etc.", Rs. 132 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—d1—Water Coolies", and Rs. 1,155 under "12—2—Tramway—B4—a4—Brake Coolies". The daily wages of these coolies were raised since the presentation of the last budget by an anna or two per diem according to the nature of the contract under which they were working. Hence the necessity for the additional allotments. I reauest the House may be pleased to sanction the grants.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the total wage per day per cooly.

Mr. S. Vekateswaran *(Conservator of Forest):* A gang watchman in section I which is considered to be fairly free from malaria is paid Rs. 1—1—0 against Re. 1 ; in sections II and III, highly malarial, from Re. 1 to Rs. 1—2—0; a breake cooly from Re. 1 to Rs. 1—3—0 in highly malarial tracts; a head breake cooly from Re. 1 to Rs. 1—4—0 in highly malarial tract.

Demands put and carried

108. Rs. 2,570 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—b2—Ballast"

110. Rs. 14,995 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—c1—Bridges"

111. Rs. 4,560 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—c2—Earthworks"

112. Rs. 1,972 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—d1—Stations, etc."

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* With the premission of the Chair, I would group together items 108, 110, 111 and 112, since all these relate to the maintenance of the permanent way of the Tramway.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I move for additional allotments of Rs. 2,570 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—b2—Ballast", Rs. 14,995 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—c1—Bridges", Rs. 4,560 under 12—2—Tramway—B1—c2—Earthworks" and Rs. 1,972

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under "12—2—Tramway—B1—d1—Stations, etc." The provision made in the budget for engineering works has been insufficient, the main factor being the extra expenditure necessitated consequent as the tender enhancements which could not be foreseen at the the time of the submission of the budget. The additional allotments are therefore necessary. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction them.

Mr. A. B Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will you kindly tell us how these sleepers and bridge and ballasts were not foreseen?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* The tender enhancement was not foreseen, Sir.

Demands put and carried

109. Rs. 19,467 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—C1—Bridges"

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I would now take up 109. I move for a grant of Rs. 19,467 under "12—2—Tramway—B1—B4—Sleepers". Due to the heavy traffic adequate repairs have to be done on the permanent way much more frequently and replacement of sleepers has to be attended to. Since the necessity arose during the course of the year, expenditure has to be met by the additional allotment. I request the House may be pleased to vote the grant.

Demand put and carried

114. Rs. 26,563 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—C—Fuel"

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I move that an additional allotment of Rs. 26,563 under "12—2—Tramway—B2—C—Fuel". Several additional trains have to be run during the course of the year for the transport of small size teak ballies and telegraph posts and consequently extra quantity of fuel is required. The additional allotment is required for this purpose. I request the House to vote the grant.

Demand put and carried

LEGISLTIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Pachayat Bill

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Panchayat Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Revenue Enquiries Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move that the Cochin Revenue Enquiries Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Adovocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Vagrancy Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Vagrancy Bill and to move that the Bill as reported on by the Select Committee be taken into consideration. In doing so I beg to point out that only two important changes have been effected by the Committee. One is with regard to the levy of the beggar cess. Hon'ble Members will remember that the proposal was to levy a special cess to meet the expenditure connected with giving relief to the vagrants. In the Select Committee, the question was very seriously considered and it was agreed that it ought to be considered as a primary charge on the Government to give relief to vagrants and that the expenditure connected with it should be met from the general revenues. Everybody was agreed on the point and I am glad to announce to the Council that the Government have accepted that proposal of th Committee and the idea of levying a special cess has been dropped.

The next change is with regard to subsidy for aid to be given to private institutions which would be extending their co-operation to give relief to the vagrants of the State. The House will remember that the Committee originally constituted to draft a Bill had introduced a clause by which subsidy was to be extended, but in the Government Bill that was brought before this

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